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**"Australian Billy Smith" Tells How He Received His Nom De Guerre**

By Lewis Arms

Stuttering Announcer Found Charles Matthews Altogether Too Difficult to Pronounce, So Simplified It In His Own Way—Some Other Sporting News.

AUSTRALIAN Billy Smith, who "does" it in the days when fighting was fighting, or, in other words, when contestants used to slug each other exuberantly around the ring with skin tight gloves and prolong the argument over a period of three or four hours as much of a ring enthusiast and raconteur as ever.

Billy is very much still in the sunshine years and he opines that if necessity so bid he still could crawl through the ring ropes and earn an honest penny or two.

There are probably not many people who know that "name" Billy Smith. Billy Smith was the nom de guerre tagged on him by a stuttering announcer in a San Francisco ring back in the stone age when Billy first came "across."

The fight was all ready to transpire. The announcer stepped to the center of the ring and raising his right hand in the conventional appeal for silence said:

"The next bou-bou-bout of the evening ge-ge-va (white) gentleman will be between James Smith-va-va-va and Cha-cha-cha-Charles Ma-ma-ma-ma."

Turning to Smith he asked him his name. "Charles Matthews," returned Smith. "If you can't say it, whitey," the announcer continued, "William Smith."

Thus Australian Billy Smith was born at that moment at the age of twenty-two years. The name stuck. It seems a pity now that the announcer should have complicated the Smith problem by further adding a new one to the roll.

While it is given the same approximate ranking as the American association and the International or Eastern leagues of the east, it is nevertheless a fact that the Pacific Coast league does not play the class of ball that is seen in the east.

This is no particular reflection upon the league for it gave up interesting ball and it probably has sent as many men to the majors who have staid there as either one of the other two leagues.

That the class of ball is different may more likely be attributed to the proximity of the smaller named leagues to the major leagues. They

absorb the class of major league play without quite touching it in individual play.

The coast league on the other hand is stronger on individual play and does not inject so much machine class into its work.

Many a baseball enthusiast who has heard much of the Pacific Coast league and had seen each year its players snapped up by the majors has viewed it with a certain amount of disappointment.

In a great many sports the greater the degree of proficiency among the players the more is simplicity manifest.

The semi-pro catcher usually wants about fourteen signals with which to confuse his pitcher.

Only two signals are generally recognized in professional baseball. One is for the fast ball and the other for the curve. Curves are not classified and out and in drop coming under the same hand so far as signals are concerned.

This is for the reason that a catcher usually catches several pitchers on a professional club and there is no use complicating their work by using an excess of signals which are interpreted by the pitcher's delivery after he has given the signal for a curve whether it is to be a straight out or an out with a drop attachment.

Bowling in the Chicago national tournament will commence in real earnest about the latter part of this week as the good teams are scheduled to advance upon the pins and the Class A bowlers have been putting the alloys in shape.

An eastern expert having analyzed the record and pedigree of the American athletes who will compete in the Olympic at Stockholm, predicts that the United States will win. That's always pretty sure when the U. S. is pitted into international athletic competition.

Spring training is conceived to put men physically fit. It may do that but it doesn't make ball players of a good many of the recruits.

Has the youngster hit you for twenty-five cents for a ball glove yet?

Well, he will.

If the laws governing boxing in

California now extant are in force in 1915, during the world's fair at San Diego and San Francisco, there will be on the coast the greatest revival of boxing ever known.

California today stands as the most profitable field for boxers aside from New York city and with millions of visitors to the coast in 1915 it may be imagined what a picnic there will be.

So quiet and peaceful is everything that we have almost forgotten that we have a two and a half horse power revolution next door to us. On with the "revolving" boys.

By the way girls, Annette Kellerman never prescribed chewing gum as a developer for any feature of the physiognomy.

Only at rare intervals can you see the tops of their heads, when some people chew gum.

Chewing gum may take its rank among the sports requiring physical exercise in all sports. Especially when you partake of five cents worth at one crack. Only a person with a very well developed jaw would attempt this. And he can't need it.

Paradoxes on all sides of us. Oh, well.

If Able Attell had all the money that he is popularly supposed to have paid out to get other fighters to take, he would have a good sized bank roll.

Batters who are able to hit above .300 are becoming more and more numerous every year. That being the case it would not seem that the national baseball rules committee would worry very much about further restricting the pitcher. The increased batting shows that the pitcher is doing pretty well to hold his own nowadays.

Ball players, professional ones, invariably look better in their uniforms on the diamond of play than do they on the street. The ball player who in his uniform appears as nattily as a cadet in a military academy is usually the one who goes to the theater wearing a black shirt and a red necktie.

**WORLD'S RECORD IN BOWLING GAME**

At Chicago Tournament K. C. Bowler Spills Lumber for 280.

Chicago, Ill., March 13.—Breaking a world's record for tournament competition featured the 11th day of the American Bowling Congress tournament, 128 for a single game while competing in the doubles with "Kid" Nichols.

The former mark of 273 was made jointly by Harry Mergely, of Sioux City, Iowa, and William Miner, of Chicago, at St. Louis last year.

Notes of Diamond in Major Leagues

The rattle of the can begins to trouble the slumbers of the Rookies.

Chief Meyers brought a bushel of oranges with him from his fruit farm at Riverside, Cal., when he joined the Giants at Marlin. The Giants' catcher hopes to outshine Frank Chance as a fruit grower in the course of a few years.

Jack Knight will not join the Senators until April 6. When he signed with Griffith he asked for permission to stick to his study of dentistry until that date.

One statistician has it all doped out that over 1,000 baseballs are used in America each year.

Low Smith, the Indian recruit shortstopper, picked up by Chance on the coast, has been dubbed "Casey" Smith to designate him from Charley Smith, the pitcher. Johnny Evers thinks it a better name than the usual "Chief" stunt attached to Indian players.

The more to increase the world's series from seven to nine games really brings back the plan inaugurated in the modern blue ribbon events of baseball, Pittsburgh and Boston in 1903 were scheduled to play until one team won five. The first four games left the series standing three to one in Pittsburgh's favor, but Jimmie Collins' crowd "came back" and took four straight. Mack and McGraw favor nine games.

Notice to Cactus Club Members. On Wednesday night, March 12th, the Cactus Bowling and Athletic club will keep open house and entertainment for the members and their friends. All members please attend and bring a friend.

A. H. Woods, Mgr.

**Roller Skating Is New Washington Fad**

The upper photo is that of Miss Helen Taft and below Miss Margaret Draper.

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**IS PROFESSIONAL BALL LIKE TRUST?**

Congress Threatens to Investigate Status of Organized Nat'l Game.

The congressman who can spring something new and novel is always assured of a little publicity at any season of the year and among the recent novel things sprung in congress has been the bill introduced by congressman Thomas Gallagher, of Chicago, to "investigate" professional baseball to see whether it employs trust tactics.

They Will Welcome Investigation. Baseball luminaries say that they welcome any "investigation" that congress may choose to make and they absolutely are not in violation of any trust law.

As to the players being enslaved, it is true that they are not free to do what they wish and that they must play with the club to whom they are under contract or not at all. But there are a good number of players thus in slavery who make more money at it than the congressmen who doubtless will conduct the investigation.

Need Stricter Regulation. The lines governing professional baseball do seem drawn a bit close now and then, but on the whole unless baseball players and the game generally were governed just as it is governed or very similar there would be any amount of trouble in the air all the time.

Ball players require strict supervision and the national commission has evolved the way to keep them good at all times. Professional baseball has opened a big money epoch for any number of men who might not be able to earn even average wages were it not for baseball.

**DECIDE CHAMPION WITH EXTRA GAME**

Shelton and Bryan Bros. Finish Regular Season Tied for First.

It will require another basketball game for the Commercial league of the "Y" to break the tie between the Sheltons, Shelton-Payne and Bryan Bros. for in Tuesday night's game Shelton-Payne won a glorious victory over their one time rivals, the Piano company, by a score of 10 to 4 in the final game of the season.

The Piano company, which had a 54 to 52 score.

The Piano company forfeited their game to the Sheltons, so the standing remains the same as last week. The tie will be played off next Tuesday night.

The Shelton-Piano game was mighty close at first, the Pianoists scoring four before the Sheltons got busy at all, but when the score was 10 to 4 in the Pianoists' favor, the Pianoists settled down to their playing stride, and it was good by Piano from that time on.

The first half closed 25 to 12, and in the final half the Sheltons had the score 50 to 16 before the Pianoists became desperate. The lineup were: Shelton-Payne, Charles Hunt, center; Megaphone Marshall, C. L. Berg, forward; Lamar Thomas and Jim Romero, guards.

Piano company, Ed Miller, center; Wayne Chenoweth, Cy Perkins, forward; "Dodge" Mee and C. H. Brown, guards.

H. L. Mitchell refereed, George Pick-

**COULON IS CHAMPION DESPITE WALSH'S SAY**

(BY TOM S. ANDREWS)

Jimmy Walsh, the Boston boy, claims that Johnny Coulon is not entitled to the bantamweight championship, that he (Walsh) won the title from Frankie Nell and has defended it. The fact that the recognized weight for a number of years has been 118 pounds ringside in the bantam class and Jimmy has outgrown it, being unable to do better than 118 at 3 o'clock. He is a great little fighter and deserves all credit for his work in the past, but facts are facts and there is no way of denying the title to Johnny Coulon. It only demonstrates once more the need of a national organization to establish rules and see that they are lived up to the same as with the Amateur Athletic union in athletics. At that Jimmy Walsh offers to make 118 pounds at 3 o'clock for any boy in the world over the 20 round course, Frankie Burns and Coulon preferred.

ens, scorer, and Sam Plickens was timekeeper.

Bryan Bros. were beaten by a pickup team of three Wals men and two Populists, with a score of 2 to 2, though this did not count in the standing. The Household company forfeited their game to Wals.

**GUAYMAS RETAINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, March 12.—The Hermosillo baseball team which defeated the Brannens aggregation a week ago, fell easy victims to the Guaymas champion ball team of the state yesterday by a score of 5 to 0. Yesterday's game marks the close of the present baseball season, the championship remaining with the Guaymas team. During the present season Guaymas has lost but twice, both times to Hermosillo, and has defeated Hermosillo four times. Besides this, they have to their credit seven games won from Empalme and two from Nogales.

**MORAN HAS SHADE OVER PAL MOORE**

New York, N. Y., March 12.—Owen Moran, of England, and Pal Moore, of Philadelphia, lightweights, fought 10 rounds here, in their third meeting, the Englishman having the better of the contest. The bout was hard fought and close, however, and the popular victory accorded to Moran was hardly more decisive than in their other two close bouts.

**HORGAN LEADS IN FIRST OF TITLE BILLIARD PLAY**

Denver, Colo., March 12.—James Horgan, of St. Louis, won the first block of 24 points in his challenge contest with Joe Carney for the three cushion billiard championship of the world and the Lambert trophy. The score for the first night's play was: Horgan, 50; Carney, 42.

Carney made a high run of 19 and Horgan connected with only four in one bunch, but the St. Louis player last night displayed a mastery of safety play that reminded the big gallery of the old time form of Alfredo de Oro, the former three cushion champion. It required 194 innings to run out the string.

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**CHESTER WRIGHT IS CLASS B WINNER**

In the high dive competitive meet, at the "Y" the following were winners: Younger boys B, F. Broadbent, 4 feet, 4 inches; Younger boys A, Harold Bryan, 4 feet, 6 inches; older boys, Will Bacon, 5 feet, 6 inches; older boys, Robert Henn, 4 feet, 10 inches; regulars, W. R. Dorris, 5 feet, 2 inches.

This event closes the younger boys B competitive meets. Chester Wright was the winner of the greatest number of points in all the younger boys B events, making 115 points. He will be given a monogram Rob as first prize. Will Bourland was a close second, with 113 points, and W. Brockmoller third with 112.

Two more events remain in the other classes, the pole vault and the shot put.

Next Tuesday night the first meeting of the track team will be held to plan out regular training work. The meeting will be at 7:30, a half hour before the final basketball game.

**ED. GRANEY MATCHES FRAYNE AND BURNS**

San Francisco, Cal., March 12.—Promoter Ed Graneley announced yesterday that he had matched Johnnie Frayne the San Francisco lightweight, and Frankie Burns of Oakland, for a 20 round fight the night of March 23. The men will weigh in at 135 pounds at 3 o'clock.

**GOTCH HANDLES TWO MEN QUITE EASILY**

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler, threw two men here last night. He defeated Joe Geshow, with a hammerlock in 3:57, and Paul Martinson with a crotch and half Nelson in 12:14.

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**The "CURE" worse than the DISEASE**

Mercury and potash will sometimes dry up or temporarily remove the outward evidences of Contagious Blood Poison, and sufferers are misled into the belief that the disease has been cured.

These deluded victims soon find, however, that the "cure" is worse than the disease, that not only has the virus been all the while more thoroughly saturating the blood, but the strong mineral medicine has likewise been undermining the system and breaking down the flesh.

The truth about Mercury and Potash is that these minerals cannot cure Contagious Blood Poison, and when the treatment is left off the smouldering infection rouses itself into the old destructive flame and every symptom of the disease returns with increased virulence.

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